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**Virginia Commission for the Arts Presents Statewide  
Application Assistance Workshops**

**JANUARY 5, 2010--**The Virginia Commission for the Arts will present a series of statewide application assistance workshops to be held in January and February, 2010. Workshop locations include: Danville, Abingdon, Christiansburg, Harrisonburg, Richmond, Norfolk and Alexandria.

VCA Program Coordinator Cathy Welborn and Arts-in-Education Coordinator Elizabeth Cantile will provide an overview of grant programs, updates to the *Guidelines for Funding*, application and review procedures, as well as general tips on preparing competitive proposals in preparation for the March 1, 2010, and April 1, 2010, application deadlines.

Workshops are free and open to the public; pre-registration is not required. Attendance is not required in order to apply for Commission funding; however, workshops can be helpful for first-time applicants preparing requests for:

General Operating Support Grants for Arts Organizations; Services to the Field; Project Grants; Local Government Challenge Grants; Artist-In-Education Residencies; Technical Assistance Grants; Touring Assistance for Presenters; Performing Arts Tour Directory; Artist Roster; and Writers in Virginia.

Participants are encouraged to download the *2010-2011 Guidelines for Funding* as well as appropriate applications to bring to the workshop; [www.arts.virginia.gov](http://www.arts.virginia.gov) Persons requiring the services of an interpreter for the hearing impaired should contact the Commission office at least one week in advance of the workshop.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is the state agency that supports the arts through funding from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Commission distributes grants to arts and other not-for-profit arts organizations, educational institutions, educators, artists, and local governments.

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**Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant Assistance Workshops will be held in the following locations:** *(Note: for specific directions or details for parking for the workshop you wish to attend, please contact the host sites directly in advance of the meeting day.)*

**January 11, 2010, 10am-12noon**  
Danville Museum of Fine Arts and  
History  
975 Main Street, Danville VA 24541  
(434) 793-5644

**January 12, 2010, 10am-12noon**  
William King Regional Arts Center  
415 Academy Drive Northwest  
Abingdon, VA 24210-2617  
(276) 628-5005

**January 13, 2010, 10am-12noon**  
Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library  
125 Sheltman Street  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
(540) 382-6965

**January 20, 2010, 10am-12noon**  
Harrisonburg Downtown Public Library  
174 S. Main Street  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801  
(540) 434-4475

**January 21, 2010, 10am-12noon**  
Crispus Attucks Theatre  
1010 Church Street  
Norfolk, Virginia 23510  
(757) 622-4763

**February 2, 2010, 10am-12noon**  
Richmond Triangle Players  
1300 Altamont Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia 23230  
(804) 346-8113

**February 4, 2010, 10am-12noon**  
The Athenaeum  
Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association  
201 Prince Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314-3384  
(703) 548-0035

For applications and more information about the  
Virginia Commission for the Arts, visit [www.arts.virginia.gov](http://www.arts.virginia.gov)  
or call (804) 225-3132.

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